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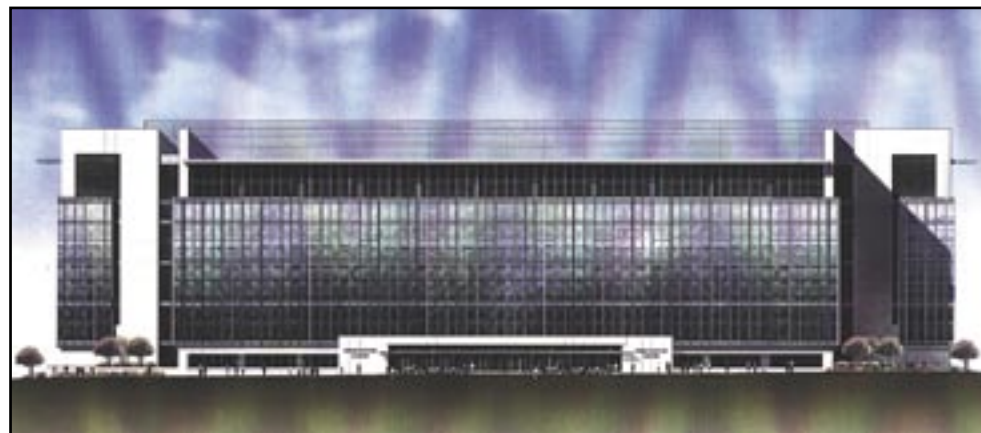
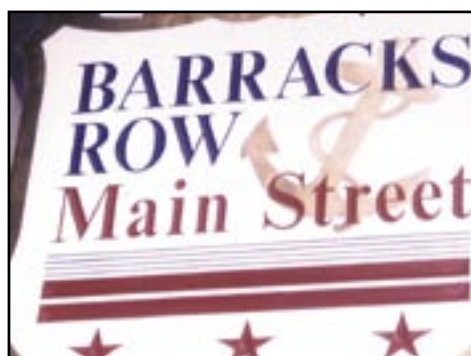
## Bid Oct. 1 On Gift Certificates

Gift certificates from Odyssey Cruises, Nordstrom's, H2O Restaurant, Jenny's Restaurant, Pier 7 Restaurant, Capitol Hill Bikes, Hoopla Traders and many others will be at the silent auction at SWNA's Antique

and Collectible Appraisals at Westminster Church Sat. morning, Oct. 1 from 10 am to 12 noon.

Over 40 items will be in the auction.

Pay cash when you are the high bidder and carry your item away.



## Nassif DOT Building To Be Demolished

As soon as the U.S. Dept. of Transportation moves to its new headquarters buildings in the SE Federal Center on M St. SE, the present building on 7th St. SW will be demolished and a new building built to look like

the above drawing will be built between 2007 and 2010..

It will be called the Constitution Center, have an atrium instead of an open courtyard and public access to the Metro escalators will continue.

## Let Weschler's Assess Your Antiques, Oct. 1, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Two assessors from D.C.'s famous Antique Auction house, Weschler's on E St. N.W. will be on hand to give you information and the value of family treasures you bring to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I (Eye) St. SW.

One will assess furniture, silver, china, glass and art work. The other will assess US coins, jewelry and watches. Admission is \$15. Each item assessed (limit 2) is another \$15. A free continental breakfast will be served.



## Diane Groomes New 1st District Commander

The First Police District has changed commanders. Former Commander Thomas Mguire is now Commander of the Major Narcotics Branch. Diane Groomes, has been advanced to 1D Commander.

## 95 M St. SW Getting 130 DMV Staff

Staffing will be completed by mid-October for the new Department of Motor Vehicles facility at 95 M St. SW, the old United Way headquarters.

The parking lot has been enlarged to 80 spaces to handle the public coming and going for vehicle registration and drivers licenses as soon as the present facility at 301 C St. NW is closed. Although 301 C St. NW handled 560 customers a day (with the peak period 10 am to 2 pm), 95 M St SW is expected to handle 45% fewer customers by late 2005 as the Georgetown Service Center is reopened.

DMV employees are encouraged not to use the parking spaces but to use Metro and bus service or other lots in the area.

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## SWNA Public Meeting September 26

The monthly public meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly will be at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 3rd and M St. S.W., Mon. Sep. 26 at 7:30 pm.

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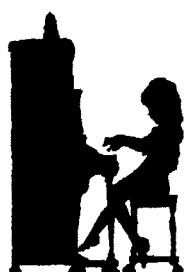




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## Southwest Community Calendar

September 20 - October 31

### MONTHLY

**WED. SEP. 21** AARP Luncheon Meeting, St. Matthew Church, 3rd & M St. S.W. 12 noon

**SAT. SEP. 24** Outdoor Jazz Festival, Park at 4th and I (Eye) St. S.W., noon-9 pm

**MON. SEP. 26** SWNA Public meeting, St. Matthew Church, 3rd & M SW, 7:30 pm

**WED. SEP. 28** Cancer luncheon, Pier 7, 650 Water St. SW, 11:30 am

**SAT. OCT. 1** SWNA Silent Auction and Antique Assessment, Westminster Church, 400 I (Eye) St. S.W., 10 am – noon

**SAT. OCT. 1** Health Fair, 1st & N St. S.W. 11-4

**SAT. OCT. 1** Yard Sale by Capitol Park, 301 G St. S.W., 10-4

**MON. OCT. 10** St. Austines Fall Fair & Yard Sale, 600 M St. S.W., 10-4

**MON. OCT. 10** Colombus Day Holiday

**THURS. OCT. 13** AIDS Workshop, Westminster Church, 400 I (Eye) St. S.W., 6:30 pm

**WED. OCT. 17** AARP Luncheon, St. Matthew Church, 3rd & M St. S.W., 12 noon

**MON. OCT. 24** SWNA Public meeting, St. Matthew Church, 3rd & M St. S.W., 7:30 pm

**FRI. OCT. 28** Half Day for D.C. public schools

### OUTSIDE SOUTHWEST

**WED., TUES. SEP. 21, 27** D.C. Comprehensive Plan Hearings 6pm (see story p.7 for locations)

**CAPITOL HILL DAY** School Open House – see ad p. 4

**WED. SEP. 28** Apprenticeship applications, DC Convention Center, 7th and M St. NW, 10 am-6 pm

**SAT., SUN. OCT. 15, 16, 22, 23** State Department Book Sale, 23rd St. NW at C St. NW 10-4 pm

**SUN. OCT. 23**, Knit Out on Mall, 12-5 pm

### WEEKLY, BI-WEEKLY

**SW CITIZEN'S PATROL** with Officer Kenny Daniels every Tues. at 7:00 pm - meet at 4th & M St. , SW next to Waterfront Metro elevator

**KOMEN TOASTMASTERS** - First & Third Sat. , SW Library, 10:00 am

**FIL-AM TOASTMASTERS** - Second & Fourth Wed. , SW Library, 6:15 pm

**SCHOOL ST. TOASTMASTERS** - every Tues. , 400 Virginia Ave. , SW/Room 488, noon

**COLLECTORS CLUB STAMPS** - First & third Wed. , Christ United Methodist, 4th & I St. , SW, 6:30 to 7:30 pm

**SW KIWANIS** - First & Third Mon. , Christ United Methodist, 4th & I St. , SW, 6:30 pm

**NEW SOUTHWEST TOASTMASTERS** -Every Wed. GSA Bldg. , 7th & D St. , SW,Room 5009 (inside cafeteria), noon

**LABYRINTH WALK** - First & Third Wed. , Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St. , SW 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Please submit calendar items for the next issue by Wed. October 5

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- OurPlaceDC which supports women returning to the community from incarceration;
- Children's Environmental Health Network, providing a scholarship for a student to develop talents in environmental and cultural areas;
- Camp Arena Stage in which a student will be selected to learn the many stages in the development of live theater productions.
- Matthew Henson Earth Conservation Center

We have made other funding commitments and expect additional meritorious applications. We have had to defer or reduce funding of some applications.

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# Arena Stage Welcomes SW Residents

A reception in the Old Vat Room at Arena Stage welcomed several dozen Southwest residents to hear and visit with staff members involved with the theater's involvement with its neighbors.

Stephen Richard, executive director of Arena Stage, welcomed the group. Anita Maynard-Losh, Director of Community Engagement gave an overview of her work and of the new Camp Arena Stage held last summer. Laurie Magovern Thiebaut, Director of Education, discussed educa-

tion opportunities for local teachers and students.

Tameka Petticolas, coordinator for fellow, interns and volunteer, invited participation in those programs. Cheri Meadows, Development Director, discussed ways to support Arena Stage. Ashley Forman, coordinator of education and community programs told of the \$10 tickets for the eight Southwest Nights during the year and the Jefferson Jr. High students learning and performing in Voices of Now.



Arena Stage poster.



Anita Maynard-Losh

Stephen Richard



Cheri Meadows

Laurie Magovern Thiebaut



Ashley Forman

## Jazz Festival in SW Park Last Sat. of Sep.

Once again a free jazz festival comes to SW with the 4th Annual DC Jazz Preservation Festival, Saturday, September 24, noon to 9:00 p.m. in the Town Center Park (where 4th St. dead ends at I St. SW; north of Waterfront Mall).

The Festival is an extension of the weekly Friday Jazz Night in Southwest at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St. SW. "Our church started Jazz Night seven years ago and we haven't missed a Friday since," says Co-Pastor Brian Hamilton. "We run the program through our SW Renaissance Development Corporation, a community outreach and development arm of the congregation. Our average Friday attendance is over 250."

The annual Festival features a different set of musicians every hour. The musicians donate their time and talent as a gift to the community. "It's interesting that the festival is the same day as the big anti-war rally," says Co-Pastor Ruth Hamilton. "In many ways, the Festival also seeks peace by building community and celebrating life."

Food by SW Catering will be for sale on the church grounds and a number of vendors will also have tables set up. Says Rev. Hamilton, "We may be able to accommodate last minute vendors. Give me a call at 202-484-7700."

Come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon or evening in the park."

## Yard Sale At Capital Park October 1

In back of 301 G St. is a grassy area where the Capitol Park Towers tenants association will hold a yard sale Sat. Oct. 1 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Cash donations (check or money order) will be collected for Katrina victims.

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# Gangplank Marina Celebrates But Worries

By Margaret Drummond

When was the last time your District Councilmember, ANC Commissioner, and other public officials gathered in your backyard to honor your way of life? Exactly. So it was quite an honor for live-aboard boaters at Gangplank Marina to both receive accolades from, and have the opportunity to thank, a large number of people who have supported the live-aboard community over the years.

This all happened on Saturday, August 13, 2005 at Gangplank Marina when Councilmember Sharon Ambrose read a Council Resolution that read, in part,

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia commemorates a rich maritime history by recognizing the historic live-aboard boating community of Southwest Washington; and WHEREAS, the Gangplank Marina live-aboard community represents an American ideal of unparalleled diversity spanning socioeconomic, ethnicity, age, and lifestyle boundaries... The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the contribution to the District of the live-aboard community and recognizes August 13, 2005 as "Live-Aboard Boater Day" in the District of Columbia.

Not to be outdone, Mayor Anthony Williams sent a proclamation celebrating the live-aboard community and also named August 13, 2005 as DC Live-Aboard Boater Day. The Mayoral Proclamation was presented, along with per-

sonal congratulations, by David Howard of the Anacostia Waterfront Corporation (AWC), which is soon to be the Gangplank's new owner when the transfer from NCRC takes place.

The Gangplank Slipholders Association (GPSA) conceived Live-Aboard Boater Day as a way to cheer the shrinking population of live-aboards at the marina. Coastal Properties, which manages the marina, and NCRC, its owner, have exercised some determination to reduce the number of live-aboards from a high of around 145 boats when they arrived in 2001 to a current total of less than 100. With a new artificial limit of 100 live-aboard vessels, which despite a 2-year waiting list appears to be closer to only 80, fewer individuals and families can now live at the marina. So the Southwest community has lost over 50 homes under the direction of NCRC and Coastal Properties.

Beyond the attack on our numbers, a growing number of slipholders face extreme cases of what they feel is unfair and flatly hostile treatment at the hands of management. As a reminder that the marina community is still prized by their Southwest neighbors and by District officials and to brighten spirits after a divisive spring, the idea of Live-Aboard Boater Day was welcomed by the boating community.

A brunch was held on the events barge, near Cantina Marina, to commemorate the occasion. Award certificates in gratitude

for ongoing support to the live-aboard community were issued to ANC Commissioner Max Skolnik, Councilmember Phil Mendelson, Councilmember David Catania, Councilmember Sharon Ambrose, and David Howard of the AWC.

To complete the celebration with a flourish, Marge Francese, Councilwoman Ambrose's chief of staff, was crowned Queen of Gangplank Marina for her constant devotion to the live-aboard community. And since a queen needs a realm, the events barge itself was renamed the SS Marge!



## Back to School Cleanup

By Mary Williams

Volunteers cleaned up at four schools in Southwest and near Southeast. Bowen, Amidon, Jefferson Jr., and Van Ness.

Lots of activity at Jefferson. Principal Hawkins at Bowen and Principal Maa at Jefferson joined in the activities.

## Health Fair At KGL Rec October 1

Trailers with health information, entertainment and food will be at the King-Greenleaf Recreation Center at N St. and First SW on Saturday Oct. 1 from 11 am to 4 pm. Georgetown University's clinic in a van will give screenings and health advice. The South Washington Collaborative is cosponsoring the annual event.

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The Washington Trade Unions and the D.C. Apprenticeship Office are coordinating an apprenticeship recruitment fair for District residents on Wednesday, September 28, 2005 at the D.C. Convention Center from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. The trade unions collectively

will be accepting 1,200 new apprentices during the remaining of 2005 and 2006. Therefore, it is imperative that as many residents as possible attend this event and take advantage of upcoming available apprenticeship opportunities.

## Heritage Celebration At SW Church

St. Dominic Catholic Church is planning for its annual Heritage Day Celebration. Volunteers are trying to locate as many former parishioners as possible. This celebration is an opportunity to renew friendships and catch up with friends. Former Pastors, Associate Pastors, organists and choir members have also

been invited to participate in the Mass of celebration to be held on Sunday, November 13 at 11:30 am at St. Dominic, 630 E Street, SW

The church requests if you know anyone who went to St. Dominic and have a current address for them, please contact the Office at 202/554-7863

## St. Augustine's Fall Fair Oct. 10

Scheduled for the Columbus Day holiday, Monday, October 10, the annual fundraiser, a neighborhood tradition for many years, is from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., on the church property at 600 M Street, SW.

New for sale this year, and ideal for gift giving, are the hand-crafted ribbon flower pins, holiday pins, ornaments, package tie-ons, and gift mixes of spiced nuts, loose teas, and spices, all created by members of St. Augustine's Craft Guild.

The church sponsors its usual Bargain Tables of once-read books, used clothing and housewares, plus a Bake Sale table.

A barbecue lunch and children's activities round up the day's festivities.

Metro area vendors also will sell their merchandise and/or homemade crafts. Any local residents interested in renting a space for an organizational information table or to sell crafts, should contact Bruce Crane, Senior Warden, at 703-241-8210.

## Recent Play Readings At Arena Stage

In mid-September three new plays by "some of the hottest playwrights working in the contemporary theater" were given stage readings by professional actors in the Old Vat Room at Arena Stage. For \$5 the public gets to hear new plays not yet ready for full productions.

In the past five seasons more than 50 plays have been developed in this way at Arena Stage, with nearly half having gone on to full productions at theaters in the Washington, D.C. area or across the country within a year of their local workshop.

Thrash by Wendy MacLeod, conceived by Wendy Goldberg and Wendy MacLeod, The Bigger Man by Brown University MFA Playwriting candidate Sam Marks, and The Bluest Eye, adapted by Lydia Diamond from the novel by Toni Morrison were this year's readings.

## Carrolsburg Pl. SW Photos Move To NW

Two dozen giant portraits of residents of the Carrolsburg Pl SW neighborhood are being displayed through Oct. 16 at Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church, 3401 Nebraska Ave. NW. For the past two years they have been displayed in Mark Clark's gallery on N St. SW and later at Westminster Church.

In a media release the NW church states, "The houses of the Carrolsburg area were at one time known as the Washington Sanitary Houses because they were the first in Southwest to have received indoor plumbing [about 1907]. The photographers created monumental portraits of everyday people that reflect their interest in representing the under-represented, the marginalized, and the vanishing members of our society."

At the opening of the Northwest show The Davey Yarborough Quintet and a youth ensemble performed. Yarborough is Director of the Jazz Studies Program at the Duke Ellington School of the Arts.

## Second Union Baptist Wed. Prayers

After a busy September with the Annual Homecoming on Sep. 11, conducted by First Baptist Church of Colonial Beach, VA, and the annual spiritual Revival, Rev. Dr. James Butts of Second Union Baptist invites all to Noonday Prayer Services every Wed at 12 noon. (Light snack provided). For details, call 202-488-7012

## Wilson High SAT Scores Improve

Wilson High – attended by well over 100 residents of Near Southwest – continues to rank #3 of the 16 public High Schools in Washington, DC, in college aptitude tests and has improved over 5% in the past school year. School Without Walls on the George Washington University campus and Banner High, a magnet school near Howard University, continue as the top two – 5% and 6% ahead of Wilson.

Wilson's combined Math and Verbal scores averaged 1012, while most other DC public high schools were in the 700s.

## Workshop on Preventing Spread of HIV/AIDS

Charles Sessoms of Prevention Works will lead a workshop Thursday, October 13, 6:30 - 8:45 p.m. at Westminster Church (4th & I SW) to help encourage DC residents to help stop the spread of HIV/AIDS. The Department of Health reports that "the District has the highest prevalence of AIDS in the US, more than any other state or city... HIV/AIDS is one of the top five leading causes of death of men and women in DC... At least one in seven African-American men in DC are infected with HIV while 30% of new cases are among women and 40% of cases are now transmitted among heterosexuals." With statistics like these, it is important to get involved and stop the spread. Mr. Sessoms will talk about the efforts of Prevention Works, a 6-year old organization that reaches out to prevent the spread of HIV among some of the most marginalized residents of the city---IV drug users. The workshop is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the Westminster congregation. For information contact Co-Pastor Ruth Hamilton at 202-484-7700 or [rwh@westminsterdc.org](mailto:rwh@westminsterdc.org).

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## Knit-Out On Mall Sun Oct 23

Knitting and crocheting will be in the limelight with a fashion show, knitting doctor and charity corner from noon to 5 pm Sun. Oct. 23 near the entrance to the Natural History Museum Constitution at 10th NW. You can try your hand at the Knit-In, Show & Share or browse and see the latest yarns.

## Oct. Meeting On General Hospital Site

A Ward 6 Issue Forum on the proposed National Capital Medical Center (NCMC) will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18, at the Hine Jr. High School auditorium (8th and Pennsylvania Ave. SE). The forum is cosponsored by the above Ward 6 organizations and will be hosted by Ward 6 Council Member Sharon Ambrose, who will make opening remarks.

Colbert I. King, deputy editor of THE WASHINGTON POST editorial page, will moderate a panel discussion of the proposal for construction of a new \$400+ million NCMC hospital complex at the DC General Hospital site in Ward 6. NCMC would be owned by Howard University. Construction costs would be shared equally by Howard and DC Gov-

ernment.

DC Mayor Anthony Williams and Howard University President H. Patrick Swygert JD, have been invited to participate on the panel. They have not yet responded, but it is hoped that they will be able to share their vision with Ward 6 residents on October 18 as they did in a similar panel discussion in Ward 7.

Confirmed panelists are the executive director of the DC Hospital Association, Robert Malson, and the executive director of the DC Primary Care Health Association, Sharon Baskerville.

The panel discussion will be followed by a question and answer session. For further information, contact Jan Eichhorn at 547-8855 or JanEichhorn@aol.com

## Huge Used Book Sale In October

The annual book sale at the State Department building on C St. between 21st and 23rd St. NW will be held two weekends in October – Oct. 15/16 and 22/23, five blocks from the Foggy Bottom Metro.

A media release states, "Thousands of used books, art objects, stamps and coins will be available at BOOKFAIR 2005, one of the oldest continuous second-hand book sales in the Washington area. Admission is free. Please: no strollers, packages, food or drink...VISA and Master Card accepted. For information call 202-223-5796."

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Southeastern will hold its annual fundraising dinner with silent and live auctions at Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, 2660 Woodley Park Road, NW, on Wed. Oct. 19. The reception and silent auction is at 6 pm,

with the live auction and dinner at 7:30 pm.

Featured speaker is Jimmie Lee Solomon, Major League Baseball's new Executive Vice President of Baseball Operations.

Tickets, starting at \$175, can be reserved on line at [www.seu.edu](http://www.seu.edu). For information, call the Office of the President, 202.646.0151 or Margo D. Pinson, dinner coordinator, (301) 656-3284.

## Comp Plan Hearings Sep. 21-28

The DC Office of Planning has scheduled four public meetings inviting comments on the District's Comprehensive Plan. Their notice states "D.C.'s future is in your hands." Hearings are: Sep. 21 6 pm Kelly Miller Middle School, 301 49th St. NE near Benning Road Metro; Sep. 22, 6 pm, Thurgood Marshall Center, 1816 12th St. NW near I St./Cardozo Metro; Sep. 27, 6 pm, Eastern High, 1700 East Capitol St. NE, a few blocks from Stadium Armory Metro; and Sep. 28, 6 pm, Woodrow Wilson High, 3950 Chesapeake St NW, near Tenleytown Metro.

"Step up now," the notice continues, "and learn about the real choices you have on issues that matter most to you and your family – whether it's more affordable housing, safer, successful schools, healthier air to breathe, better choice for neighborhood eating, shopping and recreation, or better access to jobs that support working families who live in D.C."

More hearings are planned for January, 2006. Information on the plan is on the website [www.inclusivecity.org](http://www.inclusivecity.org).

## Cancer Info Lunch Sep. 28

A cancer information organization based at the Greenleaf Senior Complex, 1200 Delaware Ave. SW, is sponsoring a luncheon at Pier 7 Restaurant 650 Water St. S.W. Wed. Sep. 28 at 11:30 am.

Council Member David Catania, Dr. Fitzroy W. Dawkins of Howard U Hospital and Dr. Gregg Pane, Director, D.C. Dept. of Health, are on the program.

Nadine P. Winter is president of the organization. For information call the office at 202-863-3888.

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# Oxon Hill Wins Summer BB Age 16-19 Div.

By Dave "Hollywood" Carson

Southwest teams as well as area wide competed in the SW Summer League Basketball tournament at the new King-Greenleaf Recreation Center, First and N St. S.W.

In the 16-19 year old division, Oxon-Hill All-Stars were the top team in the tournament from start to finish. With their unselfish style of play and tough hard-nosed defense, Oxon Hill All-Stars were truly the best team. Each person on the team was willing to look for their teammates, instead of each individual looking for fame.

Under Coach Darlene, a former basketball star herself who knows the game, it was obvious from watching her kids play that they were a reflection of her style – always willing to help others.

**BALLOU HIGH.** Close behind in the 16-19 division was Ballou High School, under first year coach and former Washington Bullet Anthony Tucker. Ballou was a surprise for most of the tournament, with its gritty style of play. They had other teams taking notice down the stretch and came so close to winning the championship, but just couldn't find a solution for the tough kids from Oxon Hill. Ballou lost twice to Oxon Hill in the regular season with both losses by five points combined. That lets you know how close these two teams were, with Ballou ending up the runner-up in the championship game.

**DOMINIC'S ALL-STARS.** The real surprise of the tournament was the Dominic All-Stars team. They had a group of players who rarely play basketball, besides maybe one or two. They were tough kids that no one believed in except themselves. It showed out there on the court. They gave it everything they had and never quit. They were two points away from advancing to the championship round, but came short.

**GREENLEAF.** After losing its first game, Greenleaf stepped up its game down the stretch. Winners of three straight, Greenleaf is led by a trio of young stars, who have opened some eyes in the general public. Greenleaf might be the most talented team in the tournament under Coach Marcus, but came up shy of reaching the Championship.

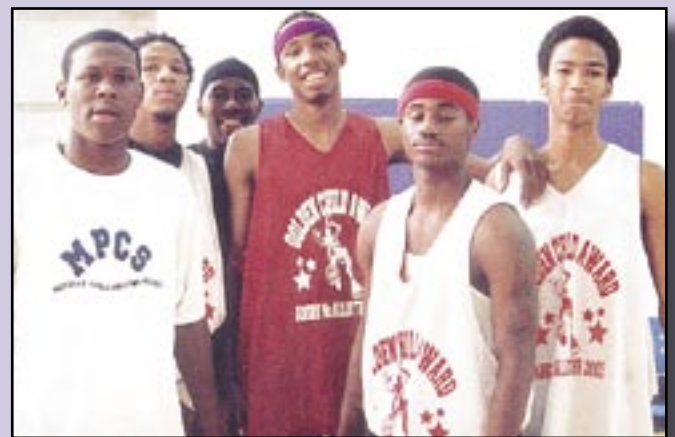
**WILSON HIGH.** Under Coach Mike Namian, Wilson was the most fundamental team in the tournament. With its Princeton style of offense, Wilson has confused other teams. It's first defeat of the tournament was a heart-breaking loss to Dominic's All-Stars and Wilson needed to beat top-seeded Oxon Hill to keep going.

**ALL WINNERS.** I like to say nobody in this tournament lost. Everybody won.

I want to thank all the teams that participated in the tournament and the good-sized crowds who came out and supported the tournament. I want to thank the Department of Recreation for sponsoring the tournament, and especially Wally Perry for giving us the vision and the power to make it happen.



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## Dupont Circle Call Box Unveiling – SW Too?

By Lida Churchville

It was a bright sunny morning on Saturday, September 10, when the Dupont Circle "Art on Call" project was launched at a lively celebration held at 20th and Massachusetts Avenue NW near the site of the Dupont Farmer's Market. Robert Aubry Davis, known for his role in apprising the public of local cultural events on WETA-TV's popular "Around Town" show, emceed the fast-moving event. Many city officials were present including Linda Cropp, City Council Chair; Councilman



Unveiling of one of 22 call boxes that has been transformed into public art.

Jack Evans: Deputy Mayor Stan Jackson; Adrian H. Thompson, Chief of Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department; and, representatives from the District's Department of Transportation and Police Department.

The Dupont Circle event featured the official unveiling of one of the 22 call boxes that have been transformed into public art reflecting the neighborhood and its history; an art show and sale of original artwork used in all the call boxes; music provided by the 257th Army Band Brass Quintet; fire trucks and firefighters from the District's Fire and EMS Department; refreshments provided by Dupont Circle merchants; and, guided walking tours of nearby call boxes.

Art on Call is a citywide effort led by Cultural Tourism DC to restore Washington's deteriorating police and fire call boxes and to use them as showcases for



Call box.

community art and history. These call boxes, installed throughout the District in the 1860s, were made obsolete by the introduction of the 911 emergency calls in the 1970s.

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) is working on a plan to relate the Southwest call boxes to community themes: the boxes near the DAV to demonstrate its work for disabled veterans; the ones near the Arena Stage to celebrate the theater's location in Southwest; the one across from Southeastern University to reflect the University's 1879 beginnings, its YMCA background and its 1937 Federal Charter. The one at 4th and M will greet Metro riders with an introduction to our waterfront location; and the call box near Engine Company 13 to be a restored fire box of the era when the Southwest Engine Company came into being in 1905.

At this time, SWNA is seeking community input into decisions about these and other call boxes. Making decisions about the design of the boxes, and the means of presenting historical information, is the next step for SWNA. We welcome artists, designers, writers, and historians, as well as anyone else interested in the Art on Call Project. Please leave a message with contact information at 554-8560 or email us at [thesouthwester@yahoo.com](mailto:thesouthwester@yahoo.com) with comments, ideas, or offers to help with this exciting new community project.



257th Army Band Brass Quintet.



D.C. Falcons

## D.C. Falcons Win 13-15 Div. Summer BB

By Antonio Wilkinson

The D.C. Falcons dominated team after team in the 13-15 division of the SW Summer Basketball tournament and won the championship. When they first walked into the new King-Greenleaf Rec Center gym they were ready to win, with great teamwork, dominating defense and a whole lot of attitude.

Jefferson Jr. students made up a strong

team. After losing their first game, they dominated the second game, lost one game by one point in overtime but played hard with attitude and aggressiveness.

Hine Jr. High was aggressive and played hard each game. The coach and team were thinking victory, but it wasn't to be.

As the cheering fans in the stands showed, the summer tournament was full of talent, with some close games and some blowouts. It was a thrill.



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# Farewell to Grande Dame Margaret Feldman

By Thelma Jones

More than 120 guests attended the farewell celebration for Margaret Feldman on August 27 at River Park Mutual Homes hosted by the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly. Replete with singing, presentations, great food, and lots of humor, the event honored Margaret for her dedication and commitment to the nation's capital and Southwest in general.

Not one to be showered with a lot of attention, Margaret spoke briefly and reiterated the importance of getting involved in the neighborhood which was the theme of the farewell. After extolling the Planning Committee, presenters, and sponsors, she emotionally thanked the audience for making her farewell a memorable occasion. Margaret's message was aptly demonstrated with a Ghanaian proverb and Adinkra symbol of two crocodiles sharing one stomach, meaning that "we are all in it together."

Participants included Emcee Bill Wooby, Director, Millennium Art Center, Dick Westbrook, SWNA VP, Marge Francese, Councilmember Sharon Ambrose Office, and At Large Councilmember Phil Mendelson. Remarks were also given by Rev. Ruth Hamilton, SW Ministerial Group; Beryl C. Rice, Former SWNA President; Jane Levey, Chief Program Officer and Historian, Cultural Tourism, DC; Shkeda Johnson, River Park SW Affairs Committee Chairperson; and Herbert Holmes, SW Cavaliers. Jean Macdonald, SWNA Youth Activities Task Force (YATF) Chairperson, also provided remarks and a brief summary of YATF, River Park Friends, and the SWNA Scholarship Committee, the three entities, which, at Margaret's request, received contributions in lieu of gifts.

RPer Joyce Bouvier led the audience into a spirited rendition of "For She's



Margaret Feldman



Dr. Beryl Carter Rice



Dick Westbrook



Marge Francese



Joyce Bouvier



Thelma Jones



Shkeda Johnson



Rev. Ruth Hamilton



Jean Macdonald

a Jolly Good Woman" and "Auld Lang Syne", two very popular songs befitting of our "Grande Dame".

Margaret will enjoy reflecting on her SW stay while reading her memory book of mementos from friends and neighbors which was organized by Carole Early and others.

Her family added a special meaning to the event and Dick, Margaret's eldest son, thanked everyone on behalf of the family for warmly welcoming his mother to the community, allowing her to find her niche and make a difference and helping to give her a farewell for which they were infinitely grateful.

Washington Cable Company, The National Maritime Heritage Foundation, and Independent Mary Kay Cosmetics Consultant Thelma Jones added to the success of the event and reminded us how Southwest businesses continue to support SWNA efforts.

A special thanks is extended to Safe Sitter Instructor Anita Nunez for the programs and Katy Dietrich, Elaine Graves, Bertha Hall, and Afifa Klouj for helping with the setup. Also, thanks to Peggy Banks, Val Lewton, and Fred and Carmel Jordan for their assistance in arranging the presentations and Naomi Monk, Former SWNA President, for helping to promote the event.

Members of the Planning Committee included the following SWNA Board Members: Marge Macedo, President, Meg Brinckman, Secretary, Perry Klein, District 1 Representative, Ron McBee, District 2 Representative and History Task Force Member, Carole Early and Dale MacIver, Co-Editors, The Southwester and Scholarship Committee Members, Jean Macdonald, YATF Chairperson, Barbara Murray, Scholarship Committee Chairperson, and Thelma D. Jones, Planning Committee Chairperson and Former SWNA President.



Jane Levey



Herb Holmes



Bill Wooby

## OBITUARIES

### Pat Pressley

Pat Pressley, long-time resident of Southwest died Wed. Aug. 3 after a long illness. Pat worked as a social worker at SW/West of the River Collaborative for many years. She was the devoted and loving mother of Kovina N. Pressley. She is also survived by one sister, Lillie Gregory, one brother, Peter Levi Pressley, preceded her in death, Viola E. Simmons; one brother-in-law and a host of relatives and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her honor to Community Hospices, 4200 Wisconsin Ave., Washington, D.C., 20016.

### James H. Scheuer

James Scheuer, 13-term Democratic Congressman and real estate developer, died August 30th at his home in NW Washington from coronary disease. Mr. Scheuer was the co-developer of the middle income housing complex in SW known as Capitol Park, which is a DC Landmark. He was a SW resident for a number of years.

This project was the first integrated and non-discriminatory housing complex in the District. He chose a woman, acclaimed Washington architect Chloethiel Woodard Smith to design the project and noted modern landscape architect Dan Kiley for the grounds. Chloethiel's architectural approach set the design style for the 560 acre SW urban renewal area.

In Congress Congressman Scheuer supported and helped sponsor many of the Great Society programs affecting civil rights, education, and antipoverty legislation. He was a supporter of consumer rights and rent control.

Congressman Scheuer is survived by four children and his wife, Emily Milano, interior designer, who designed the interiors of several complexes in SW, including Finley House next to Ft. McNair.





## ECC Southwest Environmental Guardians

By Ron McBee

**A**s an ongoing effort to restore the community and Anacostia River, the Earth Conservation Corps (ECC) career training members recently cleaned debris and over-grown invasive plants from the DC Landmarked church at 734 1st Street SW behind the Randall School/ Millennium Art Center.

While restoration and construction has yet to start at the old Friendship Baptist Church, the property owner was threatened with a fine due to the prolific growth of the weeds there at the site. The Corp members have done an excellent job to properly maintain and restore the grounds there. The owner, Mr. Steve Tanner, has presented a two thousand dollar contribution to ECC for their outstanding work and assistance.

Glen O'Gilvie, President and CEO, said he is "proud of the work our volunteer members did there and due to their hard work we are looking toward to a monthly agreement to maintain the property." ECC is located in SW at the Matthew Henson Center on Half Street SW at Buzzard Point. Each volunteer spends 11 months in the program learning leadership, education as well as environmental skills. The volunteers range in age to 17-25 years of age and include both sexes. During this time each volunteer must fulfill 1700 hours of community

work to complete their curricula requirement. Each successful graduate receives a scholarship to complete his or her education goals.

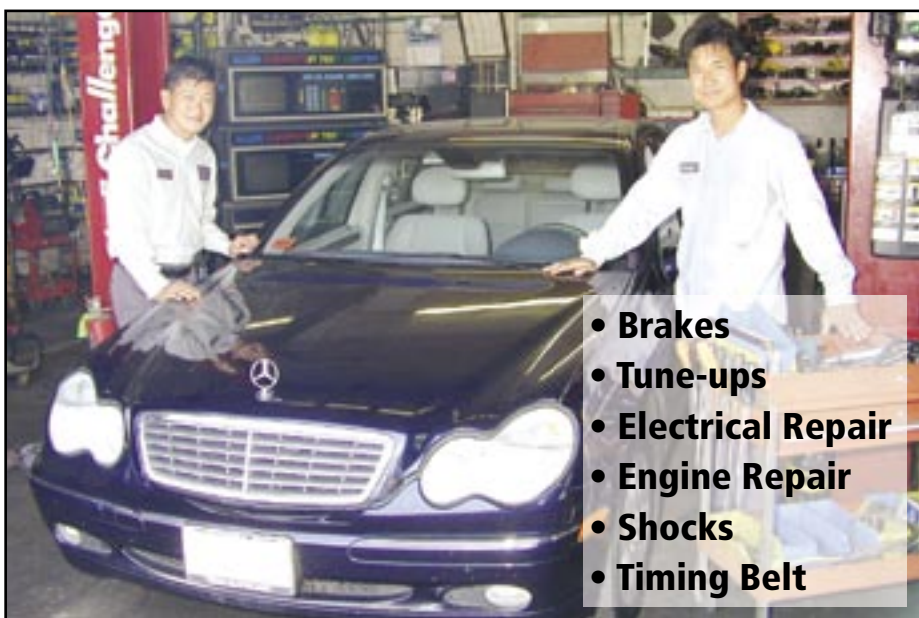
At the end of September, 16 career training member volunteers with two instructors will be leaving for New Orleans to help with the cleanup work that Hurricane Katrina left behind in its devastating path through the communities and Gulf states. We salute these volunteers going to New Orleans and to all the staff and members at the Earth Conservation Corps for making us proud of the work they do for our community and the nation!

### Art Gallery Opens Sep. 23

**T**he grand opening of a new art gallery next to the Smithsonian Museum of African American Art in Anacostia will be Fri., Sep. 23 at noon. The name is Anacostia Art Gallery and Boutique. The address is 2806 Bruce Place S.E. Festivities will continue throughout the weekend, including a candlelight reception, jazz concerts, children's art workshops, African dancing and drumming and "international culinary delights." Artists Frank Frazier, Franchine Haskins and 20 other metro area artisans will be featured.

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